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- (1) Japanese Published Examined Patent Application  
No. (B) 05-054753, published August 13, 1993;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application  
No. (A) 2000-201296 (MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP),  
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- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application  
No. (A) 10-210272 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published  
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- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application  
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